

positions of public protection and provision empower them this day to honor You in serving all.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CARTWRIGHT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARTIN COBB

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of Martin Cobb, an 8-year-old boy from Richmond, Virginia, who was taken from us way too soon. He was killed in a heinous act while trying to protect his 12-year-old sister from a violent attacker.

From the very beginning, Martin was a fighter against all odds, surviving open heart surgery at 3 months old, when the doctors did not believe he was going to make it.

Martin was a student at Elizabeth Redd Elementary School and he enjoyed the kind of things that most kids grow fond of: playing with toy cars and riding his bike around the neighborhood.

Martin didn't have a father at home, and so his mother referred to him as the "man of the house." As a loving son and brother, relatives say he had the "heart of a lion."

We will always remember him as a true family man, someone who loved his sister so much that he gave his life to protect her. In the face of grave danger, his only thought, his only instinct, was to help his sister.

At 8 years old, he may have been small in stature—some say he looked no older than 4 or 5—but in his last moments, Martin showed he was a bigger man than most men ever dream to be.

We honor Martin by remembering his incredible bravery. But let us also commit to honoring him by redoubling our

efforts to foster safer neighborhoods and communities that produce more Martins and less assailants. Our children should be able to grow up enjoying childhood, not fearing for their lives.

In Martin's front yard there now reads a sign, "A Real Hero Lived, Fought, and Died Here."

Martin may no longer be with us, but I hope and pray his strength, his courage, and his spirit endure in each and every one of us.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN BUFFALO

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate three highly impressive students from City Honors High School in Buffalo, New York. Seamus Degan, Rex Herzberg, and Hakeem Salem made western New York proud by being selected to participate in the Congressional Science Student Forum, which was hosted yesterday on Capitol Hill.

In recent months, these students have worked hand-in-hand with local researchers at esteemed medical institutions in western New York, including Roswell Park Cancer Institute, to research cutting-edge medical issues, form hypotheses, and conduct hands-on experiments.

Mr. Speaker, when students start learning and experimenting with science, technology, engineering, and math as young adults, they are creating a lifelong commitment to learning and dedication to making a difference in the future. It is why it is so critical that Congress provide adequate funding to STEM education programs in our schools nationwide.

I commend these students for their achievement and look forward to hearing more from these promising innovators in the years to come.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON BENGHAZI

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for nearly 2 years, House committees have been investigating the terrorist attack in Benghazi that killed four brave Americans. These committees have done good work. However, many questions remain unanswered as the White House continues to stone-wall our efforts by withholding information.

National Review editors recently summed it up best:

The White House misled the American public about a critical matter of national interest, and it continues to practice deceit as the facts of the case are sorted out.

That, to answer Hillary Clinton's callous question:

What difference does it make?

The administration's obstruction and dishonesty are unacceptable and warrant a new level of investigation. Creating a select committee to investigate this tragedy is long overdue, and with a former Federal prosecutor such as TREY GOWDY at the helm, it gives me great hope that Americans and the families of the victims will hear the truth and see accountability. They want, need, and deserve no less.

EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise because today in the House we will bring up a vote on approximately \$310 billion of permanent tax credit extenders, including the very popular research and experimentation credit, a bipartisan-supported tax extender, but this is something that is being brought up without a pay-for at a time when the United States of America now has 2.6 million citizens who have lost their long-term unemployment benefits.

In my State of Pennsylvania alone, we have 125,000 families who lost that lifeline because, Mr. Speaker, you refuse to bring this up for a vote because it doesn't have a pay-for.

Fair is fair, Mr. Speaker. We support many of these extenders, but we can't leave these American families out in the cold like this.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to celebrate National Foster Care Month, I would like to recognize the dedicated foster families, social workers, and service providers for their work to support the nearly 400,000 youth who are part of our country's foster care system.

Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Foster Care Review, and CHARLEE of Dade County are just a few of the many organizations that work each and every day in our south Florida community to find a stable home with a devoted and loving family for our youth.

While May has been designated as National Foster Care Month, the work to ensure that every child has a safe and permanent family does not stop when the calendar turns. In fact, before the end of this year, Mr. Speaker, at least 23,000 of these vulnerable members of our society will age out of the foster care system. Research has shown that these young individuals are at a heightened risk of poverty, homelessness, incarceration, and early parenthood.

I encourage my congressional colleagues and every person across our Nation to work together so that we can